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Re application of: **Tapani LEVOLA**

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For: **DIFFRACTIVE GRATING ELEMENT FOR BALANCING  
DIFFRACTION EFFICIENCY**

Art Unit: **2874**

Examiner: **Rhonda S. Peace**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A" RE-SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE**

**TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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